

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Master Sergeant Archie Pike for his valorous service in the United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by persons who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Archie Pike, a highly decorated combat veteran of the Korean War who served with courage and gallantry in the United States Army from 1950 to 1956, was recently presented with the service medals he earned while protecting the freedom of his country so many years ago; and

WHEREAS, Archie Pike served with great bravery and ability as a member of the United States Army, and he fought in the heart of the battle of the Korean War at Heartbreak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from military service, Archie Pike had attained the rank of Master Sergeant and earned numerous medals for his courageous service in the time of war; and

WHEREAS, like so many other soldiers, Archie Pike didn't make it home with his well-deserved service medals; and

WHEREAS, late last year, Master Sergeant Archie Pike was finally pinned with the service medals which recognize his valiant service; and

WHEREAS, Major General Gus Hargett, Adjutant General, presented Master Sergeant Pike with the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Star attachments, the Combat Infantry Badge First Award, and the United Nations Service Medal. Major General Frame presented Master Sergeant Pike with a Distinguished Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Archie Pike received the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and Medal; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Archie Pike performed his duties with the utmost bravery, skill, dedication, and professionalism; his military service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Master Sergeant Archie Pike for his meritorious service in the United States Army, during the Korean war, congratulate him upon his recent receipt of the medals he earned fifty-one years ago, and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.